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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	RHEIN-RUHR-EXPRESS
Project Number:	2013-0367
Country:	Germany
Project Description:	Financing of new rolling stock for a high density schedule and fast regional rail system in the densely populated Rhein-Ruhr region.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

EIB notes the following Environmental and Social performance and key outcomes at Project Completion.

The project consisted of acquisition of 82 electric multiple units for regional passenger services in the wider Rhine-Ruhr area (Germany).

The project fell neither under Annex I nor Annex II of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 2011/92/EU, as it is not applicable to the manufacturing and use of rail rolling stock. The new vehicles replaced old rolling stock, which was mostly at the end of its economic life, did not correspond to current passenger expectations of performance and comfort and was a deterrent for car drivers that consider switching to rail. The project is expected to increase the attractiveness of rail services comparing with the current situation. In addition, in the absence of such investments, the existing rail service quality would further deteriorate and encourage the use of private cars.

The new rolling stock is equipped with state-of-the-art technology in terms of energy efficiency. It is also in conformity with the EU Technical Specifications for Interoperability concerning noise and accessibility for persons with reduced mobility and persons with disabilities.

The replaced rolling stock was redeployed or scrapped by companies specifically authorised for this activity.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.